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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of

Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.

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For:

Method of Staining, and Detecting and Counting

Bacteria, and a Diluent for Bacterial Stain

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.